

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. NO.: 3420-01
BILL NO.: HB 1572
SUBJECT: Civil Procedure; Contracts and Contractors.
TYPE: Original
DATE: March 9, 2000

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
None			
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
None			
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses
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FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Transportation (MoDOT)** assume the proposed legislation may increase the incidence and cost of construction-related litigation and judgments; however, the long-range fiscal impact on MoDOT is impossible to predict. Overall, MoDOT officials do not expect the proposal to have a significant fiscal impact on their agency.

Officials from the **Office of the State Courts Administrator, Department of Economic Development, Department of Insurance, and Office of Administration** assume the proposal would have no fiscal impact on their agencies.

In response to a similar proposal, officials from the **Office of the Attorney General** assumed there would be no fiscal impact on their agency.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
	\$0	\$0	\$0

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

The proposed legislation could have a potential fiscal impact on small businesses in the home improvement industry.

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DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation would revise the statute of limitations and add economic loss damages for home improvements. The 10-year statute of limitations would remain the same. Currently, the time period begins to run at completion of the improvement. However, "completion" is not currently defined in the statute. This proposal would change the starting date of the time limit to "substantial completion" and set forth a definition for substantial completion. The proposal would also add economic loss to the list of damages restricted by the 10-year time limit.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program, and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of the State Courts Administrator
Office of the Attorney General
Office of Administration
Department of Economic Development
Department of Transportation
Department of Insurance



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